

## LC(I) Goal Now In Sight

Pay week gave Fort Benning's drive for \$700,000 in cash war bond sales with which to purchase and dedicate a landing craft (infantry) the anticipated "shot in the arm" and sent total sales zooming to approximately \$600,000, Captain Thomas M. Robinson, post war bond officer, announced after tabulating preliminary figures sent in by the several units of the post.

The totals reported in by Wednesday had reached the \$550,000 mark with thousands of dollars in sales still unreported.

The war bond officer predicted well over \$600,000 in cash sales had been made and declared that he is quite confident that the needed cash with which to close the deal for the landing craft is now in sight.

Although a complete breakdown of various installations was not available as the Bayonet went to press, Captain Robinson was able to report cash sales of the following units:

**BREAKDOWN**  
The Infantry School, \$139,053.55; 71st Division (which was late in organizing since it has just been activated) \$5,627; The Parachute School, \$44,848.25; Lawson Field, \$19,092; Station Hospital military and civilian personnel, \$34,308.45. Figured on a per capita basis many of the smaller units boast a much better record when their purchases are figured on a per capita basis.

The report also showed that the Women's Club has taken in approximately \$1,600 in cash for the month in the Officers' Club. The booth has been open during hours when many officers are off duty in order to avail them of the opportunity to make purchases at a convenient spot.

**CIVILIANS GET '42 BONDS**  
Meanwhile, the war bond officer is able to report that civilians who have been awaiting deliveries of their 1942 war bond purchases on the Class A-1 (first) list can now look forward to the receipt of all bonds thus far undelivered within a fortnight.

The Fiscal Department began sending out these bonds to July 1 with the task confronting them of issuing bonds and making refunds for bonds not completed to the sum of \$3,430. Since the first of the month a total of \$3,875 worth of bonds has been issued and \$2,750 have been refunded for bonds not completed. Of the 1,394 accounts which are to be brought up to date, 307 accounts have been closed with all bonds due these accounts having been processed. The 1,087 are being processed.

The latter accounts will be closed out just as rapidly as fiscal department employees can make out the bonds and check the books for accuracy," Captain Robinson declared.

## Third Infantry Leads In Per Capita Bond Sales

The Third Infantry is leading the post with the highest per capita war bond sales, according to figures released today by Post Headquarters. Brig. Gen. William H. Hobson, post commander, announced that Paul N. Starlings, commanding officer, personally to See LCL, Page 2.

## Red Cross Teaches 65 G. I.'s Ins, Outs Of Combat Swimming

Sixty-five Fort Benning soldiers are learning the ins-and-outs of combat swimming this week as they are put through an intensive course of Red Cross lifesaving methods that will be culminated a week from tomorrow with a public demonstration of water-safety.

The water safety show, which all post personnel are urged to attend, will take place in Russ Pool on Friday, July 14 at 8:30 a. m. according to an announcement made yesterday by Lt. Col. C. A. Waring, director of plans and training at post headquarters, who is supervising the course.

The show will be spectacular as well as informative and will include a graphic demonstration of the methods which Red Cross water safety instructors so that they may pass on their knowledge



FRED WARING (left) and Emmet Bert Lytell welcome lovely Jane Froman back to CBS Saturday "Stage Door Canteen" after recovery from plane crash injuries.

## Post Is Ahead Of Quotas In Blood Donations

Fort Benning personnel gave a total of 352 pints of blood to the Red Cross Mobile Blood Donor Unit on the first two days of its five-day visit to the post.

Donors from The Infantry School gave 178 pints Monday, while those from the 71st Division gave 174 on Tuesday. Wacs, civilians, and other Infantry School donors were scheduled to give blood yesterday. The Infantry School is providing more donors today, and The Parachute School is scheduled for tomorrow.

There were "more than enough donors" to meet the quota of 170 pints for each day, and the staff of the unit worked 8 extra hours into the schedule on Monday and 4 extra on Tuesday, according to Murray E. Hill, field director of the Fort Benning Chapter of the Red Cross.

He explained that the Red Cross had registered 220 donors for each day, to allow for possible rejection, and to assure the unit of having enough acceptable donors to meet the quota. Rejections among military personnel were slight, however, and a number of prospective donors had to be turned back each day.

The blood donor unit is set up in Ward A-1 of the Regional Hospital.

## TIS, Trooper Cadremen Eligible For Expert Badge

Under an interpretation of regulations governing the issue of Expert and Combat Infantryman Badges, cadremen of the Infantry and Parachute Schools are eligible to receive the former, a circular from the Replacement and School Command in Birmingham has disclosed.

These badges are restricted to officers, warrant officers, and enlisted men assigned to regiments or lower Infantry units except officers, warrant officers and enlisted men of the Medical Department and Corps of Chaplains.

The phrase "...or lower Infantry units" has been interpreted to include the cadre of the Infantry and Parachute Schools and of all replacement training centers.

## New Field Honors Hero

Fort Benning's Reception Center baseball field on July 4 was officially named "George Watson Field" in honor of the first colored inductee to pass through the Reception Center and win the Distinguished Service Cross.

Truman Gibson, civilian aide to the Secretary of War, highlighted the dedication program with a talk in which he told more than 5,000 colored soldiers that they were stationed at the "best training center in the Army."

Emma Gaines, grandmother of Private Watson, and Jesse Hill, brother of the deceased soldier, came from their home in Birmingham to be present at today's ceremonies. The aged grandmother reared Private Watson.

Tuesday morning more than 8,000 Reception Center and Special Training Unit troops passed in review before Dr. Gibson and Mrs. Gaines. This afternoon the dedicatory ceremonies were held at the baseball field.

**WON DSC**  
Private Watson received the posthumous award of the D.S.C. from General Douglas MacArthur for conspicuous gallantry in the southwest Pacific. Watson, who was inducted into the Army Sept. 1, 1942, from Birmingham, Ala., lost his life in Forthoch Harbor, New Guinea. He had assisted several men to safety on a raft from their sinking boat, then, overcome by exhaustion, he was pulled under and drowned by the suction of the boat.

The bronze plaque was unveiled at the dedication by Jesse Hill and Dr. Gibson. The plaque, which is an excerpt from the citation on it. The plaque then was bolted into a huge rock near the baseball diamond.

Col. John P. Ederly, Commanding Officer of the Reception Center, opened the dedication exercises with a brief word of welcome and heralded the achievement of the soldiers at the Reception Center.

**CG EXTOLTS HERO**  
Brig. Gen. William H. Hobson, Commanding General of Fort Benning, next extolled the deeds of Private Watson. Gen. Hobson paid tribute to Fort Benning's Reception Center and the efforts of the soldiers and enlisted men who have processed several thousand soldiers into the Army.

Dr. Gibson then gave the principal address, pointing out that of the more than seven hundred colored soldiers in the Army more than half are now serving overseas.

"This is a people's war against the forces of intolerance and racial differences," Dr. Gibson said. "It is not a war of race against race."

**TIS GRAD DECORATED**

Lt. Robert H. Nicholson of Orange, Calif., has been awarded a Soldier's Medal for rescuing the crew of a Marine bomber which crashed and burned near El Toro, Calif., last February. The lieutenant, who was commissioned in May, 1943, at the Infantry School, risked his life to plunge into the burning wreckage and remove the unconscious crewmen.

Portation of injured comrades across water by means of improvised life-rafts, methods of abandoning ships in event of disasters at sea, and the use of standard GI clothing as lifesaving equipment by knowing the ends and inflating.

At the conclusion of the course, the training soldiers, most of whom are already expert swimmers, will be certified Red Cross water safety instructors, and be authorized to conduct similar tests amongst men of their own units.

Post units which have men enrolled in the course are: 722nd Railway Battalion, Academic Regiment, 3rd Infantry, 742nd Tank Battalion, 4th Infantry, 808th Tank Destroyer Battalion, 2nd Army Special Troops, 71st Infantry Division, Medical Detachment, Supply Detachment, POW Camp, Lawson Field, 300th Army Postal Unit, 311th Army Postal Unit, and the Parachute School.

## Fate Turned Her Steps To Chutes



WAC PVT. MARIE McMILLIN (right), world champion woman parachute jumper, is now with The Parachute School at Fort Benning as section leader in the maintenance department of Lawson Field. She supervises 12 WAC riggers in packing chutes. She is shown with Pfc. Louise Wille of the Post Public Relations Office in the inaugural of a new series of programs introducing Fort Benning's "Women at War." The program is heard from 5 to 5:15 p. m. EWT, every Tuesday over Columbus Radio Station WDAK—(U. S. Army Signal Corps Photo by Cpl. Tony Carrington).

## World's Champ Woman Parachutist Is With TPS

Fate plays queer tricks on people, especially if aided and abetted by impulse, as Pvt. Marie McMillin of The Parachute School WAC Detachment can well attest. For Lady Destiny in the guise of an inquiring reporter literally yanked Pvt. McMillin out of a comparatively drab clerical job in Columbus, Ohio, some 14 years ago and started her off on a thrill-packed career which made her the world's champion woman parachute jumper.

In the exciting years which followed this incident Pvt. McMillin has amassed a record of 690 parachute jumps in the course of which she made a 24,800 foot jump at the Cleveland Air Races on September 2, 1932, a jump which broke the world's parachute jumping record for women and which still stands unmatched to day by any of her sex.

On that fateful day back in 1930 Marie was performing the in-

teresting yet rather monotonous duties of a hotel clerk back in Columbus, O., which meant that she was meeting all sorts of people who came to the hotel register. When a smart young chap representing the Fourth Estate stepped up for an interview, she little realized that she was being confronted by something different. Neither did he realize that he was to serve as a tool which would

change the entire course of the young lady's life.

"He asked me all sorts of questions about my job," she reminisced, "and then he enquired whether I was satisfied with it or whether I would like to try something different. I told him that I certainly didn't want to spend my life as a clerk and that I would prefer to do something entirely off the wall."

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SERVICE IS THE KEYNOTE of Red Cross Nurses' Aides at Fort Benning's Regional Hospital... service to sick and injured soldiers. The women in attractive blue and white uniforms assist army nurses by taking temperatures, handling trays, making beds, doing as much of the paper work as possible, and performing numerous other jobs calling for not great technical skill.—(U. S. Army Signal Corps Photo by Carrington; Sketches by Tap Goodenough).

## PRO Adds More Radio Programs

### Studio Moved To Headquarters; WRBL, WDAK To Carry Shows

With inauguration of another radio program and moving of the studio from Service Club No. 1 to the Public Relations Office in Post Headquarters, Ft. Benning now has one of the most comprehensive series of radio programs of any Army post.

All together, nearly five solid hours of broadcasting will now go out over the ether waves each week from Fort Benning besides numerous transcriptions made by The Infantry School for various stations through the country.

The new program, entitled "Women at War," was introduced over radio station WDAK on Tuesday of this week with Pfc. Louise Wille, assigned to the Post Public Relations Office, conducting weekly interviews with WACs, Army nurses, Red Cross workers, and civilian employees at the Army post.

At the same time that the youngest of Ft. Benning programs was inaugurated, the "Listen It's Fort Benning" program over station WRBL was celebrating its third anniversary. Another program, "The Army Hour," conducted on Sundays from the 11th Street USO in Columbus, utilizing Pfc. Benning and other Ft. Benning personnel, is still in existence for more than three years.

**THE GENESIS**  
When broadcasting from Ft. Benning first was started, rough studios were set up in the Athletic Association dressing rooms under Doughboy Stadium, with Sgt. Carl Neu and Major Russell J. Hammargren, then Public Relations Officer, carrying on a news program over WRBL. Later a fine sound-proof studio was built in Service Club No. 1 and a 20-minute program "Ft. Benning on the Air" was inaugurated. This combined news and talent from various musicians and singers at the post.

When Georgia went on Central War Time, it was necessary to change this to a 15-minute program, staged Monday through Friday from 6:00 to 6:15 p. m. E. W. T.

**NETWORK OF LINES**  
Now a veritable network of lines have been installed at Fort Benning for WRBL and WDAK. Lines now are run for WRBL to Service Club No. 1, 2 and 3 and the Public Relations Office. Lines originating while WDAK has lines to the Alabama area and to Post Headquarters.

In addition, to carry a program each Sunday afternoon on the National Broadcasting Company's Army Hour, the Public Relations Office is originating five minutes or more of this army program from Hook Range.

Besides the regular programs, many special events have been originated at Fort Benning, with special lines being installed to carry the various programs. On Christmas Day, eight full hours of various types of programs were picked up from the Prisoner of War Camp, Station Hospital, and the Athletic Association. Various special programs also have been broadcast from Doughboy Stadium and other places.

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## 71st Division Wives In Nurses' Aide Work

Twelve women, including 10 who are wives of men of the 71st Division, have registered for the second class of Red Cross Nurses' Aides, scheduled to begin training Monday morning at Fort Benning's Regional Hospital, Mrs. Andrew T. Knight, chairman of Nurses' Aides for the Fort Benning Auxiliary of the American Red Cross, said today.

The first 12 enrollees for the new class are Mrs. L. L. Beard, Mrs. E. W. Riddison, Mrs. G. R. Van Vleet, Mrs. G. M. Sabin, Jr., Mrs. O. T. Grace, Mrs. D. L. Lashby, Mrs. R. K. Deason, Mrs. J. A. Byrd, Mrs. P. Edwards, Mrs. A. J. Bass, all wives of 71st Division men; Mrs. John Hill and Mrs. L. Benham.

Mrs. O. S. Rolfe, wife of Brig. Gen. Rolfe, assistant division commander, who has been in charge

## Central Post Fund Set Up At Ft. Benning

Establishment of a Post Trust Fund and a Central Post Fund to take over many of the headquarters funds, the Ft. Benning Athletic Association Fund, and other separate funds on the post, was announced today by Brig. Gen. Hobson, post commander of Fort Benning.

At the same time, changes in administering the various Service Club cafeterias and canteens, the bowling alley and the canteen maintained in the post gym, and other revenue producing activities bringing them all under the Post Exchange, was announced. The theater funds will continue to be administered as at present, however.

Col. John H. McFall has been named as custodian of the newly set-up post trust fund while Major Charles F. Heard is designated as the custodian of the central post fund. Named on the central post fund council were Brig. Gen. William H. Hobson; Col. William Denton, post surgeon; Col. George R. Schellers, 71st Infantry Division; Lt. Col. Hiram W. Bell, the Parachute School; Lt. Col. Philip A. Dickey, The Infantry School; Lt. Col. Alexander F. Venzor, Athletic and Recreation Officer; Acting Post Chaplain Paul K. Buckles; Maj. George W. Gorman, Lawson Field and Maj. Neil R. Maxey, Second Army.

**WELFARE FUNDS OUT**

Under the new plan, existing welfare funds except certain headquarters funds, and others specifically designated for certain purposes, have been transferred to the central post fund. A certified list of all unpaid obligations supported by creditors' notices, statements, also must be turned in. A certified list of all property owned by the individual fund also is to be turned in.

The Exchange already has taken over the various revenue-producing activities of all service clubs and the Athletic Association. Civilian help has been installed to replace soldiers and WACs who have previously been engaged in such activities, thus releasing them for other duties. Dividends and all other income received from the various revenue-producing activities will be deposited in the Post trust fund account, except the account of the Post Signal Officer, which becomes a part of the Central post fund.

**WHAT NEW PLAN MEANS**

"The new plan means a centralization of control over non-appropriated funds," explained Lt. Col. Berlin, chief of the accounts, and budgets branch of the Fiscal Division, who is acting as advisor to the central post fund council. "Funds which previously were administered by the various groups now will be administered through the central post fund council. The organizations affected now will make requests for authorization to purchase or for other necessary expenses through the central post fund. In that way, the central post fund will be able to maintain supervision over all of the various activities. Authorized obligations will then be paid through the central post fund account, except the account of the Post Signal Officer, which becomes a part of the Central post fund."

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## Communications School In TPS Has New Set-Up

Several aspects of the Parachute School Communications School's new setup, which went into effect July 1 under the direction of School Chief, Lieutenant Herbert A. Bicknell, are of interest to men qualified for this special training. TPS officials point out.

Under the new plan, the nine weeks course is divided into two phases. There are four weeks of basic communications study plus five weeks of advanced training as one of the following specialties: Radio operator, wire man, message center chief, signal, NCO, communications chief, or pigeon. Formerly, the school offered simply a nine weeks course in field communications work generally, leaving the advanced specialized training to the regiments to which graduates were assigned.

Quick to adapt its facilities to new conditions, the Communications School's new program is designed to train qualified specialists for immediate replacement without the need for any further intermediate schooling.

This streamlined plan is a direct reflection of The Parachute School's policy to eliminate duplication of effort and to simplify all procedure wherever possible.

Peacetime application of knowledge gained from this training can be made. The course comprises a thorough grounding in the theory of electricity and provides a sound basis for future activity in the radio and television fields. Frequency-modulation (FM) equipment is now used extensively at the Communications School. A good many of the instructors are men returned from combat with first-hand knowledge of the subjects.

One out of every eight men in a parachute regiment is a communications specialist. He is nearly always a non-commissioned officer of one of the first four grades. Men about to complete their basic jump course, who believe they must be qualified for communications work, are encouraged to apply for this specialized training.

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"I NEVER THOUGHT I'd see the American flag again," says Pvt. Martin Bergman, who's now with the Academic Regiment of The Infantry School after escaping from a Nazi prisoner of war camp in Italy. (Official U. S. Army Photo—The Infantry School.)

## Yank Escapes Nazis Via No-Man's Land

For weeks after his escape from a Nazi prisoner of war camp in Italy, Pvt. Martin Bergman worked his way slowly toward the Allied lines. Finally one night he decided to risk crossing "No Man's Land." Crawling against time and the turn of the battle he was on the verge of making it when he heard, for the second time in his life, the sharp order

"Hands up!" He froze with terror—in a second he relived the full shock of his first capture by the Germans in Africa. With a real sense of failure and surrender, he turned around, hands high over head—and then he broke into a smile! His new captors were British—he was "home" again!

AT EL GUETTAR  
"It all started at El Guettar," says Bergman, who is now with F Company, Academic Regiment, on duty with the Weapons Section of The Infantry School. "Our squad was picked as the point to lead a surprise attack. We started out at three a. m., planning to get our objective by six. Everybody was tense, from the battalion commander and the captain down to the corporal, who brought up the rear, right behind me. Every sound seemed to be important—our hoisting, branches breaking under our feet, even the rattling of a canteen cup. It seemed we had marched for hours

when, suddenly, at a quarter to six, the Jerries opened up with a million and one flares. The machine guns started chattering and the potato mashers and artillery started firing. They planned us down flat for 20 minutes, and then they started firing to our rear.

LEADERS PICKED OFF  
"When we were able to look around we saw that the Captain was wounded, the first sergeant and the platoon leader were dead, the automatic rifleman had his legs blown off, and the corporal had been hit by a sniper. Somehow I seemed to be the only man untouched. After a while I was able to dig in, and I started firing at every Jerry who showed himself. I shot one on a mountain side, he grabbed at the seat of his pants and fell down the hill.

"But there was nothing funny about the situation around me. The corporal was dying, and nobody could get to him. "Suddenly, somebody behind me yelled 'Hands Up!' It was a German, with a machine pistol pointed at my head!

WASN'T HE FOOLED!  
"I turned around dazed—somehow being captured is always the last thing you think of. The Nazi said to me 'Don't be scared—the war's over for you.' "Life as a prisoner of the Nazis wasn't too bad, Bergman says. The camp in Italy was run by Allied topkicks and sergeants-major, and certain selected prisoners had organized a school where they taught history, English and French. Red Cross packages arrived regularly and the men were allowed to play games. But Bergman decided that he did not want to spend the rest of the war behind barbed wire.

One night he broke out of the prison camp, and using the stars as a compass, started the slow and dangerous trip to the Allied lines. After the British patrol "captured" him, he was taken back to Intelligence, and in a few hours he was able to establish his identity.

When he returned to the States he went on furlough to his home town of Philadelphia, where he made about 200 speeches on behalf of the American Red Cross. At present he is a demonstrator with the basic machine gun committee at the School.

### Stage Show Seen By 1st STR People

Officers and enlisted men of Headquarters Company, 1st Student Training Regiment of The Infantry School, accompanied by their wives, sweethearts and guests which included members of the Women's Army Corps, enjoyed one of the most successful parties ever conducted at the Polo Hunt Club by this organization.

Topping a star studded stage show, John Craven, popular movie and stage star made a personal appearance before the large gathering. Others who helped to make the affair a tremendous success, included Suzanne Makua, well known and talented Hawaiian dancer, WAC Sergeant Alta Riffe, of The Infantry School, whose selections of songs during the evening brought rounds of applause was also among the top flight performers present.

Cpl. Andrew Evan's skit entitled "Pistol Packin' Mama" was a riot, and sent everyone home in a gay spirit. Cpl. Cloyd Gordon of the 19th Co., acted as master of ceremonies doing an excellent job. Capt. Albert P. Cunningham, Jr., and Lt. Albert S. Troy were in charge of the company plans and arrangements. The 22nd Army Band's Rumba Orchestra provided the music.

### PAN-HELLENIC LUNCHEON

Sorority women of Fort Benning and Columbus will hold their monthly Pan-Hellenic luncheon at the main post Officers' Club on Monday, July 10, at 1:15 p. m. Those who are not contacted by telephone may make reservations by phoning Mrs. Kenneth Dick at Fort Benning 3225.

## GI Spends His Time Off Visiting Local Junk Yards

Pfc James Smith of the 1st Student Training Regiment's Headquarters Company spends a lot of his time off browsing around Columbus junk yards. That sounds like an unusual bit of recreation for a GI, but it makes sense to Smith. For many years before he entered the Army, The Infantry School soldier was an expert metal sorter and grade for a Portland, Maine, concern. Smith helped his firm handle junk metal contracts for the War Production Board.

Smith and his crew won a WPB certificate for preparing over 2500 tons of scrap metal for shipment in one month—something of a record.

"There are tons upon tons of good scrap metal scattered in junk yards throughout America that could be used in the production of essential war products, if there were enough metal sorters and graders around to get it ready for shipment," Smith declared. Before piles of junk metal can be shipped to the smelting firms in Pennsylvania, Massachusetts and other states, he explained, it first must be sorted and graded.

"You'll find everything imaginable in a junk pile," he added. "There'll be die cast, copper, brass, steel, zinc, tin, lead, steel of every kind and description. All it must be picked over and se-

### 1st STR Officers Get Promotions

Several officers of the 1st Student Training Regiment of The Infantry School, commanded by Col. Robert H. Lord, were promoted this week that they were promoted in rank.

First Lt. David P. Adkins, of Co. C, Service Battalion, and 1st Lt. Arthur R. Shupe, commanding officer of the 21st Co., have been promoted to the rank of captain. The following 2nd lieutenants: Clifford I. Carlson, Hqs. 2nd Battalion; Willard Cross, 23rd Co.; Alban M. Eull, 8th Co.; Werner W. Leo, 4th Co.; Theodore S. Sipma, 19th Co.; and Donald F. Keim, formerly of the 17th Co., have been promoted to the rank of 1st lieutenant.

### Sgt. Smith Is Big Bond Buyer

First Sgt. Harold M. Smith of 11th Co., 1st Student Training Regiment of The Infantry School, having a lot of confidence in Uncle Sam, is out to punch holes in Hitler and Tojo, and he's doing it, by purchasing bonds, of which he owns at present, a total of \$3,500 worth.

During the current bond drive, the veteran top-kick has made a \$1,000 bond purchase, and has a \$25 bond allotment each month. In between war bond drives he also makes purchases. It was during the 3rd Bond Drive that he purchased his first \$1,000 bond.

As 1st Sgt. Smith so aptly states, "Just as long as this war continues I'll be buying bonds, that's the best way I know how to kick Tojo and Hitler where it hurts the most."

### DAVE JONES' LOCKER

A soldier who never failed to let his mama know where he was and what he was doing was sent overseas. At a railroad station he wrote his mother's phone number on a match folder, gave it to a trainman and asked him to call his mother collect and tell her that he was sailing that night. The trainman fulfilled his request from an open pay booth in the station. An agent overheard, and the information was relayed to an Axis submarine. The ship was sunk shortly after leaving her berth.

### EASTERN STAR MEETS

The regular meetings of the Fort Benning Chapter No. 278 O. E. S., are held in the Masonic Lodge room on the first and third Thursday evenings of each month at 8:00 p. m. (EWT). All members and visiting members are urged to attend.

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# Post Combined Maintenance Shops Did Their Bit In Readying Tank Transporters For European Invasion

One day last March a hurry-up order reached Fort Benning's Combined Maintenance Shops for the repair and readjusting of 400 45-ton tank transporters. The tanks were to be shipped for use in the then impending invasion of Europe.

The job had to be completed within three weeks' time, Lt. Col. Charles Carlton, director of maintenance, said today. "It was a terrific order. The tank-transporter and a huge trailer used to pick up tanks disabled in battle and take them back to the rear for repair—were the Army. And our shops had little experience repairing the transporters."

Nevertheless, the combined maintenance shops swung quickly into action. The trailer sections were assigned to Automotive Shop No. 1 on the Main Post while the tanks were sent out to Auto Shop No. 2 in the Sand Hill area.

Automotive Shop No. 1 was the rush order. Employees were shifted from all of Combined Maintenance's other shops.

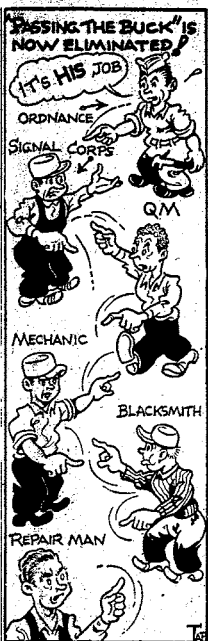
The rush job was finished within two and a half weeks. By the time the three weeks' deadline was set, the tanks were ready and started on their route to England and the invasion of France.

**HIGH EFFICIENCY**

That rush job for our invasion forces illustrates the high degree of efficiency which was made possible by the Army last fall, when the maintenance work of the various technical services into one separate department. The job also resulted in Fort Benning being designated as the only repair and readjustment of the tank-transporters for overseas shipment. One hundred of them now are being readied by the automotive shops.

Until the War Department directed last year that maintenance work at posts, camps and stations throughout the country be placed in one department, the repair work for organizations at Fort Benning was done by a number of different services. Some was done by Post Ordnance, other repair work by the Signal Corps and still other work by the Quartermaster Corps.

The old system caused much duplication of equipment and manpower. Capt. Joseph R. Rothman, executive officer and production control officer for the Combined Maintenance Shops, explained. It also wasted a lot of time needlessly. For example, an organization might send a ma-



fixes small arms, artillery, mechanical precision equipment, watches, clocks, diesel and radial engines, and cameras. Capt. Nichols also directs the electric

equipment shop, formerly the Signal Corps repair section. This shop repairs radios, telephones, telegraph, special electrical equipment, motors and generators, sound projectors and radar equipment.

The machine shop, which replaced the shops formerly maintained by each technical service, also is under Capt. Nichols. It does all the blacksmith and welding work. Capt. Withers has charge of the paint shop which replaced the separate shops of the technical services.

**ARTICLES REPAIRED**

The clothing and equipment shop, formerly a quartermaster's shop, repairs uniforms, clothes, typewriters, textiles, canvas and leather goods, and miscellaneous equipment. Lt. L. Burle C. Butler is in charge of it.

Combined Maintenance also has one shop supply officer, Capt. Max Greenberg, and one shop salesman, Lt. Grant L. Ray.

James B. McKoy, of Atlanta, a veteran of many years work in the automotive business, heads the inspection department whose two-fold job is (1) to decide what repairs need to be made to equipment and (2) make the repairs. McKoy has been efficiently made before the machine or equipment is returned to the proper organization. The inspectors are responsible to Mr. McKoy, thus assuring them of complete independence in passing on the work done in their shops.

"Since the consolidation of the maintenance service, we have cut the number of officers and enlisted men in the shops by 50 per cent—and have not replaced them with civilian personnel," Capt. Rothman explained. "In addition, the clerical help has been decreased by putting all paper work in the production control office and eliminating a lot of paper work."

The new system also makes it possible to "put first things first," he added. "The production con-

trol officer has charge of priorities and he decides what work shall be done first. Combined Maintenance also has made it possible for employees to be shifted around in various departments whenever needed for highly important rush jobs. Under the old system, that was impossible."

**COORDINATED GROUP**

The Combined Maintenance Shops are the Maintenance branch under the direction of supply, Col. Jack L. Meyer. As director of maintenance, Col. Carlton is responsible to Col. Meyer. Thus, supply and maintenance is one coordinated group now.

Automotive Shop No. 1 is an example of the efficient assembly line basis on which combined maintenance works. When brought into the shop, located on Vibbert Ave., a machine first goes to the inspector's department where it is checked to determine what repairs are needed. Then it goes to a machine shop where the tires are inspected and any necessary changes are made.

If the vehicle happened to be in very poor condition and needed all types of repairs, it would next go to the engine bay department for repairs to the motors. From there it would go right down the line to the Chassis Bay department, the Allied Trades (where sheet metal, blacksmithing and upholstery work would be done), the Paint Shop, and then to the Stencil and Lettering Dept. Finally it would be taken to the lubrication rack.

Then the inspectors would give it a final check. If it still wasn't in A-1 condition, it would be turned back to the shop for completion of the work. Otherwise, it would be turned over to the organization using it.

"We manufacture or rebuild the parts we use wherever possible," Capt. Rothman pointed out. "Eighty-five per cent of the new parts now are going overseas, so we have to manufacture or rebuild a great many of ours."

## 14 Guardsmen Make Expert On Machine Gun

Fourteen members of the Georgia State Guard turned in outstanding performances on the machine gun range at Fort Benning last Friday by qualifying as experts after only a few hours instruction and practice.

Of the 80 state guardsmen who fired the machine gun under the direction of Capt. William F. Long of The Infantry School, 39 qualified. In addition to those achieving the status of experts, 15 others qualified as first class gunners and 12 as second class gunners.

The best record turned in by a guard unit was that by the Signal Corps of the 16th Battalion, located at Waycross. Nine of the ten men who represented the Waycross unit qualified, two as experts.

One thousand state guardsmen will complete their week's training here Saturday under the command of Colonel F. S. Collins, commander of the State Guard. A second group of 1,000 will spend the week at Fort Benning beginning July 9.

Those qualifying were: Lt. E. M. May, Augusta, Lt. J. J. Carr, Dublin, Sgt. Glen Butler, Atlanta, Sgt. R. E. Barker, Waycross, Cpl. S. Reeves, Wrens, Cpl. B. A. Dicks, Augusta, Cpl. Stalworth, Bremen, Cpl. Tom Sealy, Thompson, Pvt. George S. Bush, Dublin, Pvt. D. B. O'Connell, Augusta, Pvt. Joe Webster, Atlanta, Pvt. J. M. Morgan, Atlanta, Pvt. H. S. McCarty, Waycross and Pvt. Harry J. Wernick, Atlanta. Pvt. Bush was the high scorer.

1st Class Gunners: Lt. Goforth, LaGrange, Sgt. J. W. Parker, Savannah, Sgt. T. L. Everett, Waycross, Sgt. Phillip, Louisville, Sgt. Billy Lee, Dublin, Sgt. Frank Wright, Atlanta, Pvt. O. H. Jones, Atlanta, Pfc. S. W. Hart, Atlanta, Pvt. Carol Allen, Waycross and Pvt. Bernard Hurley, Dublin.

## 3 Ex-TIS Officers Get Legion of Merit

A former instructor at The Infantry School, a former student at the school and an officer who arrived to attend school on December 1, 1941, only to have his order revoked, have been awarded the Legion of Merit, the War Department has announced.

On December 5, 1941, Col. Clarence R. Hushner was ordered to The Infantry School to attend a refresher course. He arrived on December 7 and the following day he was ordered to return to Washington. He is now a Major General, Director of Military Training of the Army Service Forces.

Well remembered at the school is Brig. Gen. Thomas S. Timberman who, as a major, was an instructor at the school in 1940 and 1941. He first came to the school as a student in 1936, after which he served in China for three years and attended the Command and General Staff School before returning to the Post in 1939. Some time after his departure for duty with the General Staff in Washington in 1941, Maj. Gen. Leven C. Allen, then a brigadier general and Commandant of the school, cited him for superior service.

He received the Legion of Merit for services performed as Chief of the Asiatic Section, Theater Group, Operations Division of the War Department General Staff during a period of over two years dating from February, 1942. He was responsible for coordinating within the War Department and among other governmental agencies, our military efforts in China and Southeast Asia, involving development of purposes, employment of troops and planning for future operations. "His sound judgment, keen foresight and

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## 1st Regiment, TIS, Generous Blood Donors

In a statement released this week by Capt. Albert P. Cunningham, Jr., commanding officer of Headquarters Company of the 1st Student Training Regiment of The Infantry School, and at present regimental officer in charge of the Red Cross Blood Bank, who is proud of the fine spirit that has been shown by the cadre of this regiment. "Our call for blood volunteers was again over-subscribed by the patriotic personnel of this Regiment."

Members of the cadre of the 1st STR who visited the Red Cross blood bank included Capt. Thomas A. Givens, Capt. Walter E. Burr, Capt. Charles E. Farmer, Jr., Capt. Wesley H. Farrell, Capt. David L. Parrott, Capt. Theodore S. Spisna, and Lieut. Colonel Irving Lehrfeld.

Other officers include, Capt. Henry A. Labelle, Capt. William C. Kelstrom, Jr., George E. Jackson, Herman H. Schommell, Lt. Albert S. Troy, 2nd Lt. Roger A. Cramer, 2nd Lt. Clarence R. Wiley, and 2nd Lt. Charles Elamon. Enlisted men to volunteer include, 1st Sgt. Manford G. Metcalf, 1st Sgt. Harold M. Smith, Sergeants Herman R. Anderson, James W. Burnham, Andrew M. Skaug, and Master Sgt. Elton Stewart, Tec. 4 Ellsworth E. Bartel, Corporals John J. Odie, John F. Doyle, Morris Fink, Walter A. Korona are also on the list. 5 Edouard Brown, Tec. 3 Eugene V. Corio, the following PFC's, Albert F. Brockman, Richard F. Ayers, John H. Burton, Voyt, Carl Roy Kreiger, Junius L. Walters.

## Chapel Services, Reviews, Dances Mark 4th of July

Two special chapel services last Sunday, the dedication of an athletic field Tuesday to the memory of a Fort Benning Reception Center inductee together with a parade, a review Tuesday morning of the 1st Infantry Division, and a series of Service Club dances on last night marked the celebration of the anniversary of the independence of the United States at Fort Benning during the current week.

At the main post chapel Sunday morning members of the 1st Infantry regiment of The Infantry School attended a patriotic service conducted by Chaplain John H. Cox, Chaplain at Theater. Earl S. Sidler was the principal speaker, his topic being "Our National Anthem."

Also on Sunday members of The Truck Regiment of The Infantry School attended an Independence Day service at the 1st Infantry Division. The service was held in the Harmony Church area. Acting Chief of Chaplains Paul K. Buckles delivered the sermon. His subject was "This Rampart." Music was furnished by the 218th Army Band; the Wings of the Army Chorus of the 144th Battalion, 2d Army Troop, the Quartet of the Second Battalion, Truck Regiment. The soloist was Capt. Joseph Cole, Company A, Service Battalion, 3d Student Training Regiment. Members of the 144th Battalion and the 3d STR Service Battalion participated in the services.

On July 4 there was a review staged by the artillery units of the 71st Division on Tiger Field. The review was taken by Brigadier General Frank A. Henning, commanding general of the artillery of the 71st Division, and Col. G. R. Seithers was troop commander. General Henning presented new standards to the 607th, 608th, 609th, and 604th Artillery Battalions.

In the afternoon a reception was tendered in honor of General Henning, who has won his general's star, at the Sand Hill Officers Club. It was attended by the general and his staff and commanding officers of the several units of the 71st Division.

The Reception Center commanded by Colonel John P. Edgerly celebrated the Fourth by honoring the memory of Pvt. George Watson, the first Reception Center inductee to win the Distinguished Service Cross. Pvt. Watson lost his life in New Guinea after having rescued several of his comrades from drowning after their boat had met with a mishap in Pordoch Harbor.

The review was attended by Dr. Truman K. Gibson, civilian aide to Secretary of War Stimson, members of Pvt. Watson's family who came here from Birmingham, and officials of Fort Benning and their wives. The review was taken by Dr. Gibson. Troop

## 17th Company, 1st STR Compiles Vital Statistics

Capt. David L. Parrott's 17th Company, 1st Student Training Regiment of The Infantry School, has always been a source of good news, but the small yet diversified outfit, at present, members of the Officers Advance Course, provides some unique statistics.

The membership of student officers represent 35 States and one Territory. Their combined military experience totals over 500 years. The average age of the students is only thirty years. Twenty-two have spent an average of 19 months overseas under combat conditions.

Cupid has registered heavily among the members, with 81 per cent having taken the vows, with the outcome, that 63 per cent of them are now the proud fathers of 74 children. The class as a whole should hang up records by the galore, for 58 members are former Officers of TIS itself.

And he turned up occupations represented, the class boasts such professions as, merchants, manufacturers, brokers, lawyers, singers, artists, agents, animal trainers, and newspapermen.

## 4th Infantry Finds Religious Group

Servicemen's Christian League, an interdenominational organization founded to help meet the religious needs of soldiers, has been organized in the 4th Infantry of The Infantry School. The unit in this regiment was started by Chaplain George A. Baker, who is also the sponsor of this group.

Nature of the meetings consists of five to eight-minute talks given by members of the league, followed by open forums on the topic under discussion.

The league meets on Thursday evenings in the 4th Infantry Chapel.

Officers of the league include Capt. Erroy Frisco, chairman; Pfc. Paul Friesen, vice president; Pvt. Cecil Friesen, secretary; and Cpl. Herbert D. Pollack, assistant secretary.

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**'Infantry Journal' Carries Article On 4th Inf. Unit**

Once again the 4th Infantry of The Infantry School is given the opportunity to serve its fellowmen in the world over—through newspaper and magazine articles written about the lesson learned by the Fourth during the Attu campaign.

This time it's the Infantry Journal of July 1944, in which there appears an article concerning the operations of the First Battalion, 4th Infantry, in which one part of the Battle of Attu is described and illustrated in order that combat leaders of the Infantry may benefit from the practices learned and employed in the bloody Alaskan campaign.

The article describes in detail the coordination of infantry and artillery support during one phase of the attack on the Japanese invaders of Attu Island.

The 4th Infantry, its actions in combat and the personal bravery in battle of men of the Fourth, have been the subject of many newspaper and magazine articles.

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# British Hindu Rule Shows Bland Desire to Deal Justly

By MAJ. ALVIN BELDEN, M.C.

It is the habit of current speech to refer to India, much as one does to France, Spain or the United States, aware that it is a far away country which this global war has pushed into the consciousness of the contemporary world. It is amazing the number of educated people who regard India as a homogeneous land where there are regular families and occasional picturesque marriages between American heiresses and exotic rajahs. It is, in fact, a conglomerate of utterly distinct kingdoms and peoples differing as widely as conditions and characteristics as does Russia, Portugal, Norway, or Turkey.

The term "Indian" should convey to a well informed person, the singular concept which we arrive at where we say "European." Under this general designation are grouped numerous races as distinct and individual as the French, German, Dutch, and Greek people. When our papers naively refer to "Our Neighbors, the Indians," it must be understood that we are arbitrarily making concrete that which is abstract, a heterogeneous group of numerous races as distinct and individual as the French, German, Dutch, and Greek people. When our papers naively refer to "Our Neighbors, the Indians," it must be understood that we are arbitrarily making concrete that which is abstract, a heterogeneous group of numerous races as distinct and individual as the French, German, Dutch, and Greek people.

If we can suppose ourselves touring through from Khyber Pass, moving down to Calcutta, Cape Comorin and Karachi, we shall be able to get the best idea of the races who inhabit India, in their appropriate distribution and sequence; and observe them tinging off like a chromatic scale. Diversity is bewildering, especially to an American accustomed to a fair amount of homogeneity. Emerging from Khyber Pass, which has been the principal gateway for all invasions into India, and which pass was the goal of Hitler's thrust into Russia, especially when the British were seriously threatened, he will be confronted with the bearded Mohammedans speaking Pushtu, and the sleek speaking Punjabi, who will gaze at the traveler with the calm confidence, begotten of broad shoulders, brawny muscles, and stature often exceeding six feet. Proceeding farther, he will observe but little deterioration in the clean-run men of Rohilkhand.

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## Chapel Choir Adds 3 New Members

Three new members have been added to the senior choir of the Main Post Chapel, Mrs. J. O. Methvin, director of choirs, announced this week.

They are Lt. John W. Crane of Chicago, gifted bass and trumpet player; Lt. Roland E. Melness of Barrington, Ill., pianist, violinist, accordionist, and baritone; and Miss Jeanette C. Carlow, a former member of the choir who has recently returned to Benning.

New members are always welcomed. Mrs. Methvin said, and urged that all who would like to sing in their services step forward.

The choir director also announced that Lt. Alvin Bynum will be guest soloist at the choir's service on Sunday. Also, the choir will sing "Hallelujah" and "Gloria in Excelsis Deo" at the service.

## Same Work But Much, Much Quieter, Says G.I.

Staff Sgt. Joe Banner is doing the same type of work at Fort Benning that he did on Guadalcanal, but it's a lot quieter here. "During the three months I was at the 'Canal last year, we had 40 bombings and one strafing. Now, we are assigned to Headquarters Detachment, Section I, said today. "Believe me, there is plenty of work here. The whole business doesn't exactly come under the heading of 'fun'."

"After a while it began to get on your nerves," never knowing when you're going to be rudely awakened in the middle of the night. "The tenseness of just waiting for something to happen was the business of being waked from a sound sleep and having to get out of bed and head for the front."

There was plenty of noise on Guadalcanal, however, and his pals in the 37th Infantry Division came over at one time to pay the boys a visit, Banner said. The air and sirens, the whistles, the planes, the bursting of bombs, all combined to make some noise on Guadalcanal as noisy as a boiler factory in full blast.

The moonlight nights on Guadalcanal were so beautiful they were out of this world—and how we hated them," Banner declared. "Because the Japs could come over on the moonlight nights we could sleep in peace."

Banner and his outfit—the headquarters battery of the 37th Infantry Division—were sent to the front line in the Pacific during the 15 months overseas. Banner spent two weeks in New Zealand with his outfit. Then they were sent to the Fiji Islands and were stationed a few miles from Suva for nine months before

## 12-Year G. I. in TIS After 22 Months Abroad

Corporal Edward A. McElwee, veteran of a dozen years in the Army, including 22 months in the Pacific, Britain, Africa, and Sicily, has reported to The Infantry School's 1st Student Training Regiment that he has returned from overseas. He has been assigned to the 20th Company, commanded by Capt. Dale H. Grier, and is now in the initial invasion of North Africa in November 1942 and was with one of the 2nd Infantry Division units to land in Sicily the following July.

## KAYO DIVE BOMBERS

Their first mission was to knock down the Luftwaffe dive-bombers who were interfering with the landing of Allied reinforcements and supplies. As the African invasion progressed, his battalion moved closer to protect advanced fighter and bomber fields.

At the end of 1942 their guns were poking skyward at Batten on the edge of the Sahara. It was mid-winter, but hot strokes blowing from the desert pushed the mercury up to 130 degrees in the shade.

Training in England since August '42, his anti-aircraft battalion was sent ashore at Oran, Algeria, the night of November 11, 1942. "Mac" was gunner of a 40-millimeter automatic piece.

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## 7 Children in Service, Mom Does War Work

"We've won a decoration—for Mom."

But Mom, too, had something to do with winning the award. The 62-year-old war-worker mother of seven children in the service—one of them is Lt. Howard C. Smith of the 13th Company, 1st Student Training Regiment—has just been chosen "Representative War Mother" by a large Chicago engine plant.

Mrs. Smith—Bertha N. Smith of Box Central Avenue, Worth, Ill., a Chicago suburb—decided that giving six sons and a daughter to the armed forces was swart enough. There are two more sons in Mrs. Smith's fighting brood. Webster and Edward, both married and fathers, are working for the duration in Chicago war plants.

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To promote closer cooperation between military and civilian personnel, Oliver General Hospital, Augusta, Georgia, has named six women as civilian employee relations committee. Each woman represents a department of the hospital where civilians are employed and will offer suggestions for increasing the efficiency of her group, as well as working for cooperative war effort between management and employees.

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in uniform as Howard and Isaac together—18 years. Fighting in North Africa, Sicily, and now Italy, he suffered slight wounds when a German time bomb blew up the Naples postoffice last year.

Kid brother, Everett P. Smith has been in the Army only 18 months the last 12 of them with the Corps of Engineers in England. Baby of the family both in age and length of service is Roy C. who joined the Marines six months ago and was last heard from at San Diego, Calif., ready to ship for parts unknown.

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